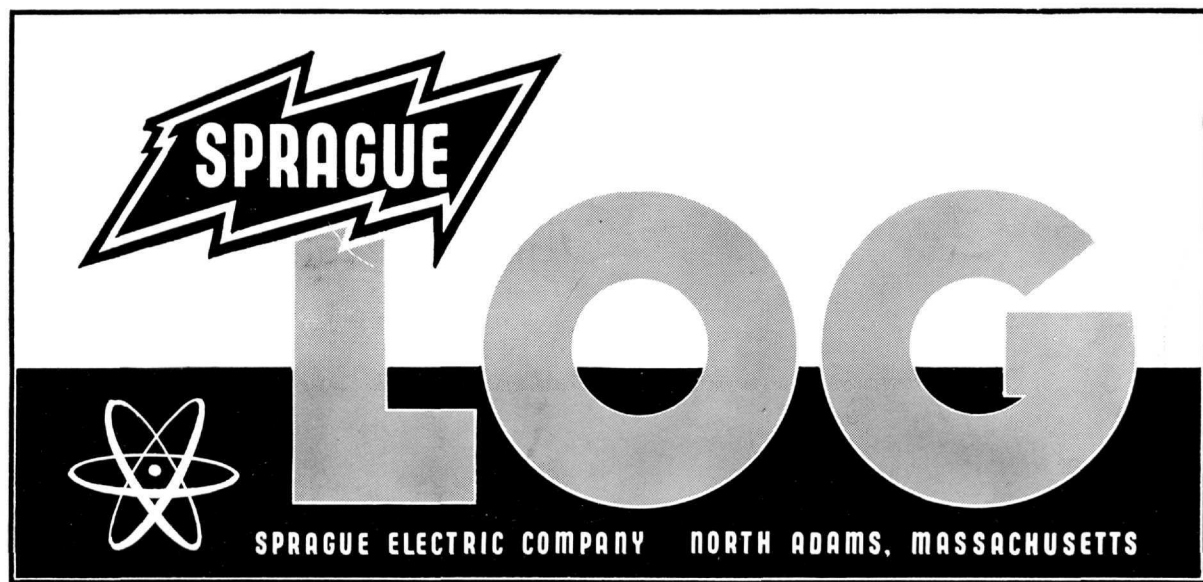


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## Teachers View Analytical Lab

Dr. Robert Fellows, head of the analytical and physical measurements laboratory, recently presented the second in the series of school and industry science seminars. The program was inaugurated by the Company to provide a better interchange of scientific and mathematical information between industry and schools.

Some 20 science and mathematics teachers from Northern Berkshire and Bennington High Schools and Colleges were present for the session.

The talk, entitled "A Survey of Modern Analytical Methods as Applied by Industry", included a discussion of the principles, applications, and capabilities of the field of emission spectrography, infrared absorption, and x-ray diffraction as applied in the industrial analysis of materials; and the need for and application of mathematics in the translation of original data into useful quantitative results.

The group toured the Company's spectroscopic laboratory facilities where Dr. Fellows demonstrated the equipment related to this field.

An invitation to attend future meetings is again extended to high



Dr. Robert Fellows, head of the analytical and physical measurement laboratory, explains the operation of the spectroscope to Francis Grant, Superintendent of the Williamstown School System, Daniel Wheeler, Drury High School, and Sr. Helen Williams of St. Joseph's High School.

school and college science and mathematics teachers in the Northern Berkshire and Bennington areas. It is felt the series may assist teachers by giving them specific information for use in their classroom work.

## The Suggestion Box

Awards amounting to \$395.00 were presented to nine employees through the Suggestion System during the month of February. Charles Bourdon of Incoming Inspection raised his total to \$125.00 by receiving an additional \$100.00 for his idea for a new welding fixture. Arthur Morris of Ceramics was awarded \$85 for an improved method of assembling units.

Awards also went to: Don Tan-

guay of High Reliability who received \$50; Omer Richards of Specifications and Engineering who received \$40; and Bertha Roy of Filter Assembly who received \$40.

Other awards went to: Joseph Rotolo of Sandia, \$25; Norman Miller of Polyester Impregnation, \$25; Joseph Bianchi of Clorinol, \$15, and Edward Mulvaney of Ceramics, \$15.



Charles Bourdon, Incoming Inspection, adds \$100 to his previous \$25 winnings for his idea for a new welding fixture. Presenting the award is Frank Chilson, Foreman of Incoming Inspection.

## SEEBF Donates \$4,240 During February

Sprague employees opened their hearts during Heart Month as \$4240. was donated to local organizations by the Sprague Electric Employees Benefit Fund.

The first installment of \$2000 was made to the United Fund toward the \$13,000 pledged for 1958.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. received \$1350. and the Williamstown Community Chest received \$700.00.

Contributions of \$150 were made to the North Adams Heart Fund, \$25 to the Williamstown Heart Fund and \$15.00 to the Stamford Heart Fund.

The following letter was received by the Benefit Fund from the Chairman of the North Adams Committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. John J. Gumbleton:

"We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of \$1350.00 contributed by the employees of the Sprague Electric Company. You may be interested to know that this amount is sufficient to cover the latest type operation which can successfully restore the leg or the arm of two young people who are attempting to make a comeback to very close to normal conditions. Thank you sincerely."

## FIRE RELIEF FUND CONTINUES AID

At last report the committee to administer the Fire Relief Fund—Sprague Employees was hard at work determining the needs and replacing some of the losses incurred by the victims of the Attala Block fire on River Street.

The money expended thus far has been used to cover some of the basic needs of the four families involved. Items such as heating equipment, clothing, dishes, pans, and hundreds of miscellaneous items have been purchased to provide basic living requirements.

Arthur Ceeley, Chairman of the committee, announced the following expenditures: kitchen ranges, \$1147.34; space heaters, \$552.44; linoleum, \$204.45; miscellaneous household furnishings, \$921.13.

Total contributions to the fund amounted to \$5744.23. This total includes contributions from Sprague employees, \$2250.73; Sprague Electric Company, \$3000; local citizens, \$398.50; and out of town contributions of, \$95.

The four families have now all been settled in new apartments and appear to be well on their way to returning to normal living conditions. Action is

## TRUCK DRIVERS AMASS 5,064 ACCIDENT FREE HOURS

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS PRESENTED 8 EMPLOYEES AT RECENT CEREMONIES

A total of 5,064 accident free driving hours was rewarded recently when the Company presented safe driving awards to eight employees.

Under a program directed by Anthony Sacco, Assistant Safety Director, the drivers have not experienced an accident to either material or equipment.

Two-year awards consisting of a lighter with an attached safe driver pin were presented to: Edward Bourdon, Norman Davignon, Harold Kline, and Asife Samia. One-year pins went to William Bohl, Harold Brown, William Cooper, and Clifford Morse.

The presentations were made by Sam Kraus, of Material Control, at ceremonies held at the Heartwellville Lodge. Arthur Mathews, Safety Director, acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced John D. Washburn who said a few words of congratulations.

Mr. Sacco gave a short talk outlining the safe driving program which has proved highly successful.



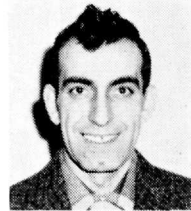
Edward Bourdon



Norman Davignon



Harold Kline



Asife Samia



William Bohl



Harold Brown



William Cooper



Clifford Morse

## You Shared 21.5 Million Dollars

### Plant Opening Made Possible By Snow Removers

A total of 300 man hours, five trucks, one tractor, and one jeep emerged the victor over some nineteen inches of snow the week-end of February 16. Beginning at noon Sunday under the direction of Babe Jobin, snow removers battled cold, snow, winds, and fatigue, to enable the plant to open Monday morning under almost normal conditions.

Operations were hampered by equipment breakdowns requiring "on the spot" repairs by their crews. The only other interruption came when the Fire Department was called to the scene by a neighbor who thought the light from a welding torch was a fire in one of the trucks.

The crew consisted of members of our Maintenance Department and included Mel Peck, Joe Bushika, George Bushika, Al McLain, Newton Peck, Joe Garceau, "Flash" Estes, and Vincent Zappone. Outside trucks were hired from the Maxymillian, Barnini, Burdick, Foster, Archambault, and Champagne trucking concerns.

John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, authorized the opening of the cafeteria, and George Whipple made coffee and sandwiches available for the crews throughout the night.

now being taken on a number of final items.

The committee further stated that the fund has been an unprecedented success and displayed the unselfish and gracious willingness of people to help those in need.

### Sprague Prepares For Mid-Year Pickup

In hope of a reversal in the current low-level of business activity expected about the middle of the year, the Company has encouraged employees to take early vacations whenever possible.

It is felt that the increasing amounts of money being expended on various government programs will be reflected generally in increased business activity during the middle or later part of 1958. Secondly, to meet this hoped for increase, customers may be replenishing depleted inventories which have resulted from our current generally declining economy.

With this in mind, the Company is additionally relaxing some of its vacation policies for 1958 only. In the case of employees whose eligibility dates come during the late summer and fall, the Company has agreed to grant advanced vacations if the employee so desires. Pay for advanced vacations will be given at the time the employee reaches his or her anniversary date.

The policy of requiring vacations to be twenty-six weeks apart and in the case of divided vacations where thirteen weeks must separate the second part from the first part of the next year's vacation, is also waived for 1958 only. This enables employees who are eligible for vacation as of January 1st to take their vacation irrespective of when they took last year's vacation.

It is emphasized, however, that this is a request only and not a requirement.

The taking of vacations prior to the mid-year point will, it is felt, greatly assist the Company in its ability to handle any upturn in business expeditiously and with the efficiency for which the Company is noted in the industry.

# HERE IS THE SPRAGUE OPERATING STORY FOR 1957

**TOTAL INCOME**  
**\$46,479,263**      **1957**

INTEREST  
\$75,636  
REINVESTED  
\$727,947  
DEPRECIATION  
\$1,447,399  
DIVIDENDS  
\$1,492,154  
TAXES  
\$3,205,408

MATERIALS  
AND  
SERVICES  
\$18,130,602

WAGES  
AND  
SALARIES  
\$21,400,117



**1956**  
**TOTAL INCOME**  
**\$45,021,157**

INTEREST  
\$85,314  
REINVESTED  
\$685,943  
DEPRECIATION  
\$1,401,068  
DIVIDENDS  
\$1,490,354  
TAXES  
\$3,266,679

MATERIALS  
AND  
SERVICES  
\$17,641,543

WAGES  
AND  
SALARIES  
\$20,450,256



# Down To BRASS TACKS . . . . .

## COMPANY OFFICERS ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

**Briefly, what kind of a year was 1957 for Sprague Electric?**

Despite the important unknowns which developed toward the close of the year, 1957 was a period of sound progress for us.

Our total income for the year amounted to \$46,479,263 as compared to \$45,021,157 for 1956. At the same time, our net income after taxes, showed the same modest increase, and amounted to \$2,220,101 compared to \$2,176,297 for the previous year.

We enjoyed a higher sales volume in each of the first three quarters of 1957 while the final three months showed a decline from the like period of 1956. This was due to a sharp curtailment in the procurement of military electronic equipment as well as an easing in the market for entertainment electronics.

The entire electronic industry's military sales activity amounted to approximately \$3.4 billion compared to \$3.0 billion in 1956. Our own military sales activity, however, remained roughly the same.

In the commercial market, the use of electronic components continued its strong growth trend, reaching a total for the industry of about \$1.2 billion compared to \$1.0 billion in 1956. Good gains were recorded in communications equipment, industrial controls, and instrumentation, and our sales to these markets represented an increasingly substantial segment of our business.

Entertainment electronics during the year sold \$1.4 billion in 1957 and our sales in this market remained about the same.

**What actually are the Company's principal markets?**

We serve the military, commercial, entertainment and replacement parts fields. Our military orders comprise a large part of our total sales volume, and our capacitors are used in all types of military electronic equipment from radios to missiles.

The entertainment field is another important source of business for us. This field is probably more familiar to you and includes: radios, television sets, and high-fidelity sound equipment. Activity during 1957 in this field was characterized by a slight drop in the value of television sets, which was offset by good gains in home and automobile radio sales. Color television showed a modest increase over 1956. Radios and phonographs both enjoyed substantial gains, with an even higher marked increase noted in the market for high-fidelity sound systems.

An increasingly important principal sales activity is our commercial market. Our products are found everywhere, in x-ray machines, computers, machine controls, household appliances, geo-physical equipment and hundreds of other types of commercial equipment.

The interesting thing to note, during the year, is the change in relative importance of sales in the commercial field as compared to the entertainment field. Total sales in these fields were virtually equal for the first time. This was due in large measure to the increasing use of computers, for which we supply many parts.

Our replacement parts business, which has continued to grow each year, in the past, did not fail us this year, and continued its steady progress.

**What implications can be drawn for the future of these markets based on their activity in 1957?**

In the military field, the launching of two earth satellites and a ballistic missile by the U.S.S.R. in October set in motion demands for a complete reorientation of our national security programs. As a consequence, there will be an increase in the placing of new defense contracts from \$5.6 billion in the last six months of 1957 to \$9.8 billion during the first six months of 1958. Based on these figures, major procurement contracts in 1958 should reach \$17 billion against \$12 billion last year. This pick-up in military procurement should result in a sharp increase in the demand for electronic parts some time in 1958.

In our industrial markets, the important area of computers and its remarkable rise during 1957 will, no doubt, continue to grow in importance as a market for Sprague components.

Since the value of entertainment electronics remained unchanged from 1956, it is anticipated that it will remain the same for this year, although maintaining its important position in our total sales picture.

**What were our total wage and salary expenditures for the year as compared to 1956?**

Your Company paid out \$21,400,117 in wages and salaries during the year, an increase of \$949,861 over the previous year. In addition to increases in hourly wage rates, we also further liberalized some of the benefits which are enjoyed by our employees.

It's interesting to note that wages and salaries are the largest single item of cost to the Company, and for 1957 represents an increase of about a million dollars over the previous year.

**What did we spend for raw material, supplies, etc., and how did this compare to 1956?**

Our purchased items increased this year by nearly a half

million dollars as we expended nearly \$18,130,602 for raw material, power, fuel and other purchased items and services, compared to \$17,641,543, for 1956. This cost remained our second largest, with wages and salaries first.

**How much did we expand physically in new equipment and plant remodeling?**

This is a constantly changing business and we must continually modify and purchase new facilities and machines to keep up with technological changes in the industry. Most of the physical changes made during the year were accomplished for this reason and as the result of our constant emphasis on high-quality and reliability.

Consequently, work continued at a rapid pace during the year on the modernization of our local plants. A large dry electrolytic manufacturing area, affording almost sterile handling conditions and controlled atmosphere was set up. Additional facilities for tantalum capacitors were provided, and plans are now being made for the expansion and modernization of our filter assembly facilities.

Our semi-conductor manufacturing plant at Concord, New Hampshire, was completed early in 1957 and was fully equipped and in operation by mid-year. We are looking forward to Concord to provide a significant contribution to our sales and earnings in 1958.

To meet the increasingly important market for computer components in the West, construction of a new manufacturing plant in Visalia, California, was begun late in the year. This plant is scheduled for completion in the late Spring of 1958 and will be used in the production of magnetic components, and noise-suppression filters.

**What new products did we introduce during the year, and what new products are we engineering for the future?**

A number of additions were made to our product line in 1957. These include new types of aluminum and tantalum electrolytic capacitors, film dielectric capacitors, a new line of carbon film resistors, and new types of magnetic components and transistors. Development work continued on pulse transformers, magnetic shift registers, switching transformers, and pilot plant production was begun on magnetic amplifiers.

Aside from our interest in the manufacture of transistors, we are continuing to develop many new types of capacitors for use in transistorized circuits. TANTALEX tantalum capacitors were broadened and we introduced our Type 31D CERALYTIC capacitor. Also during the year, our Type 89D VERTI-LYTIC capacitor was developed.

In recent years a number of specialized applications have arisen for capacitors using plastic film dielectrics including Mylar, Polystyrene, Teflon, or combinations of these. Our STYRACON and FILMITE line was further expanded last year to include all of these film dielectrics.

**What was our tax bill for the year?**

We paid local, state and federal taxes amounting to \$3,205,408. To state this in more meaningful terms, this amount is about equal to that necessary to operate the City of North Adams for about one year, based on the City's present budget.

**What was the employment situation at Sprague during the year?**

Our average monthly employment in 1957 was 5,500, compared to 5,700 in 1956. This year, as in the past, we continued to maintain as level a work force as possible, affording the maximum in job security permitted by business activity.

**All of us at Sprague have heard a great deal about Hi-Reliability in recent years. What progress was made in 1957?**

Keeping in line with our constant emphasis on high reliability, many of our product lines are now characterized by almost sterile production techniques; careful selection of materials; controlled atmosphere; and inspection before, during, and

after production. Since our quality conscious concept began to be applied in 1953, our Company has accumulated over ten million component hours of test data and has achieved a failure expectancy of .05%. This means you can expect not more than one failure in each 2,000 capacitors after 1,300 hours of operation at full temperature and voltage rating.

This policy has placed our Company in an enviable position in the industry, with a reputation for dependability which is so important in the complex electrical equipment of today.

**To how many specifications did we manufacture our products this year?**

Our manufacturing facilities produced units to well over 40,000 different specifications. This is indeed a startling figure and proves the remarkable versatility and adaptability of which our Company is capable.

**Figures show that about a million and a half dollars were paid to stockholders in dividends during the past year. What implications can be drawn from this?**

Based on figures for all corporations, we feel this figure is modest but fair. This year, as has been the case since 1954, we maintained dividends at the quarterly rate of .30 for a total of \$1.20 per share. This amount was paid on 1,244,987 shares compared to 1,242,712 in 1956.

Total dividends paid to stockholders by all U.S. corporations from 1954 through the third quarter of 1957 showed increases of about 28% from 9.9 billion to 12.6 billion dollars. During the same period, we experienced only a 7% rise in total dividend payments, from 1.4 million to 1.5 million dollars.

Although the dividend rate has remained unchanged since 1954, all other costs of operation (wages and salaries, raw materials, power, fuel) have risen steadily, and our stockholders have not shared in this increase.

**What kind of year does 1958 look like for Sprague Electric?**

The outlook for us in 1958 obviously depends to a considerable extent on what happens to business generally. Although our operations during the first six months of 1958 will be on a lower level than was the case in 1957, there are a number of reasons for believing that sales of both the electronics industry and our Company will resume their growth sometime during the year.

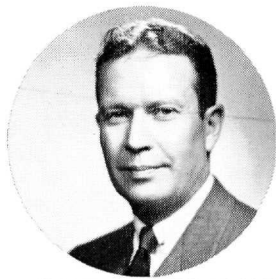
We can expect a recovery in military volume. One reason for this is the fact that the Federal budget for the year beginning in July 1958 calls for a continuation of total defense spending at the \$40 billion level with major emphasis on missiles and missile equipment, advance early warning systems, and counter-measure systems. These shifts in emphasis are expected to further increase the percentage of major procurement expenditures going for electronics. This percentage, which stood at 23% in the 1957 and 1958 fiscal years is expected to advance to 25% in 1959 and may well reach 30% in 1960.

The outlook for home entertainment sales in 1958 is unclear at the present time as the effect of lower consumer incomes on spending for durable goods is difficult to forecast. Barring a protracted business recession, however, some of the demand at retail that was deferred in the latter months of 1957 should come into the market sometime this year. The fact that inventories are in good shape should make it possible to support a level not far different from last year.

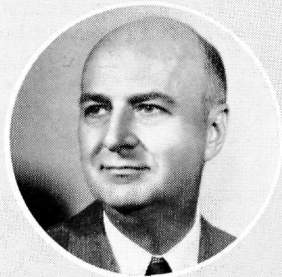
The use of electronics in a wide variety of industrial and commercial equipment, with emphasis on computers, is expected to continue to grow in importance as a market for Sprague components.

You can be assured that the continuing growth of the electronics field is receiving your management's careful attention, to insure that your Company maintains and improves its reputation as a leading supplier of electrical components.

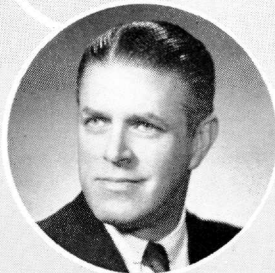
We all would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to all Sprague employees, who have played an important part in making 1957 a year of good progress and of sound preparation for the future.



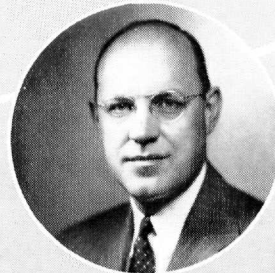
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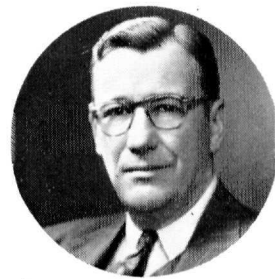
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## Editorial . . .

### Quality Is Constant

Every business—to survive—has to keep the jump on its competition.

If one company in the electronics field, for example, doesn't do everything in its power to turn out the best possible product at a reasonable price, other companies in the electronics field will soon take away all of the first company's business.

Whether it's electronics, or bread, or soda water, the company that doesn't really try to turn out the best possible product, soon finds its business evaporating into thin air. And that hurts jobs too.

The best way to meet and beat the competition is with quality. The better the product or service a company turns out, the more of the total demand for that product or service it will be called upon to supply.

That means that all of us on the job must do our jobs with quality constantly in mind. It can never be "just good enough"—we must always strive for "the best" in everything we do.

Quality work helps us keep ahead of the competition—and that means more business and better jobs for all of us.

## Names in the News

ROBERT R. HOWARD, JR., Purchasing, was recently elected a member of the Williamstown School Committee. He has been active in community affairs of that area, and was one of the organizers of the South Williamstown Fire Co.

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, was the guest speaker at the annual joint dinner meeting of the North Adams United Community Fund and Council at the Masonic Temple in February. Mr. Sprague also was the guest speaker for the Pine Cobble School Parent Teachers Association at their mid-winter meeting. He spoke on Radioactive Fall-Out.

JOHN J. GUMBLETON, Sales, has been appointed encampment commander for the 1958 joint Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut Civil Air Patrol summer encampment to be held at Grenier Field, N. H. The announcement of Major Gumbleton's selection was made by Lt. Everett H. Miller of the Northern Berkshire Squadron.

ARTHUR VAN STEENBURG, Brown Street General, and RALPH B. SHERMAN, Pulse Transformer, have been chosen to serve as jurors for the criminal sitting of Superior Court in Pittsfield, in March.

FREDERICK H. WHITHAM, Manager of Wage Administration, was recently elected a trustee of the Rotary Club. Mr. Whitham will be installed on July 1.

PETER V. MANCUSO, Check Inspection, has been elected president of the Y's Men's Club during their regular business session. Mr. Mancuso's term will extend for one year. MR. RALPH BOISJOLIE, Dry Equipment Engineering, helped with the arrangements for the meeting, and introduced the guest speaker.

## Patent News

Patents were awarded to three Sprague Engineers last month. David Peck and Michael Geroulo, both of the Special Products Division were granted a patent on a pulse transformer, which has better electrical properties and a longer serviceable life than those now used in radar, computers and other electronic equipment. Pulse transformers provide the pulses of electrical energy that are used in much electronic equipment which sends out radio wave pulses at regular intervals to be reflected back

## Blood Mobile Sees Sprague Employees Doing Their Share

### 2 GALLON DONORS



Dorothy Shea



Arthur Wyde

### 1 GALLON DONORS



George Bateman



David Beighley

George H. Bateman, of the Employee and Community Relations Division and Chairman of the local Red Cross Blood Service, announced recently that at the February visit of the blood mobile two Sprague employees reached the two-gallon mark in blood donations. They are Arthur Wyde of the Research and Engineering Department and Dorothy Shea of Industrial Oil Final Assembly.

The one-gallon mark was reached by eight employees as the Company released about 100 people, without loss of pay, to help the program reach its goal. The one-gallon donors are: George Bateman, Employee and Community Relations; David Beighley, Test Equipment; Bob Howard, Purchasing; Hugh Kirkpatrick, Research and Engineering; John Newkom, Methods and Planning; Ernest Robert, Plating; Mary T. Solomon and Isabel Thompson of Paper Rolling.

Although donations fell short by twenty pints of the goal of 310, the program was termed a success. Extremely adverse weather conditions hampered donations; and walk-in donors, upon whom the program depends so heavily, were held to a minimum.



Robert Howard



Hugh Kirkpatrick



Jack Newkom



Ernest Robert



Mary Solomon



Isabel Thompson

## Company Reported Excellently Managed For Seventh Year

The American Institute of Management for the seventh consecutive year, listed the Sprague Electric Co. among the excellently managed industries of the United States.

The Institute, a non-profit research organization established 11 years ago to advance the profession of management, said a certificate of management excellence had been awarded to the company.

The certificates are awarded, its announcement said, on the basis of a systematic, 10-point comparative study of the best managements in the United States and Canada.

two concentrically-positioned ring-like permanent magnets which embrace the neck of the tube and prevents movement of the parts caused by shock and vibration.

Both patents have been assigned to the Company.

## Introducing "Miss March"



Easter is here and bonnets are the order of the day. Beverly Mondia of Field Engineering gets the jump on everyone as she models her chapeau from the selection at Anne Kelly's Hat Shoppe. Beverly is a graduate of Drury High School's class of '55, and her hobbies include dancing, ice skating and knitting.







# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## Marshall Street MEMOS

### Field Engineering

by Kay Ryan and Jackie Mikutowicz

The welcome mat goes out to Joan Murray who is with us once again. Glad to have you back. Joan will be working with Mr. Christopher and Mr. Tiezzi. We also welcome Mr. Hazzard to the department. He is replacing Mr. Kariotis who is now Manager of our Dallas office. Hope you enjoy working with us. Esther Cyruulik had the misfortune of having the clutch go on her car recently in the middle of State Street at 5:00 p.m.



**Celebrating New Years a little late is Kathryn Gardzina, daughter of Jean, Sprague International, Marshall Street.**

Perfect spot for such an incident at that time, huh, Esther. Congratulations to Beverly Mondia who became engaged to Kenny Rougeau. The girls in Field Engineering enjoyed a "Bon Voyage" dinner at Howard Johnson's in honor of Clare Pedercini before she left on her trip abroad.

### Production Engineering

by Helen Zabek and Eileen Brown

We are finally in the month of March, which is dedicated to the Irish in our midst. March is also the time of year when we have windy weather. Maybe this year, the winds will blow away all the snow, we hope.



**This handsome little fellow is Stephen Conlon, nephew of Nancy Harvey, Dry Rolling, Beaver Street.**

and leave us getting ready for the wonderful spring weather ahead. Looking back at the things that have happened last month, we find that on February 10, Helen Zabek attended a Valentine Party for the Northern Berkshire Cosmetologists. She modeled the gown and hair style she wore in Boston last January for the Parade of Units. Her gown was designed by Mabel Stefanski, who also styled her hair. Helen received a gift from the Cosmetologists for taking part in their show. Julie Peterson was sick for a while. We all missed her and were

glad to have her back. She also took a week's vacation to stay home and nurse a cold. Jane Boucher had her hair cut. Looks good! Marlene Durocher has been transferred from our Blueprint Dept. to Check Inspection. Lots of luck to you. We all miss you around here. Those snow-storms we had last month were really something. I guess we won't forget them so easily. Russ Marchio has been married a whole year February 23. Congratulations. Betty Brike is our new mother-to-be. Congratulations! Rita Bishop took a week's vacation and enjoyed herself being snowbound. We want to welcome Nellie Kelley to our forces. She was transferred from Check Inspection to our Blueprint Dept. to replace Marlene Durocher. Our welcome mat is also out for Gordie Kent who joined us in our Dry Division. We hope you enjoy working with us. Rosalie Wandrei, from Blueprint, has set her wedding date. She will be married to Red Randall May 31. We'll be looking forward to it. Little Stevie Brown, son of Eileen Brown from the Drys, was a year old March 1st. Won't be long before he'll be driving that car of yours, Eileen. Les Dumoulin and Lyle Blanchard are on pins and needles these days. We guess that they are expecting the stork soon, if he hasn't already been here. Ray Lamoureux, from Drafting, was awarded a patent for a design on T.V. picture tube focusing. Congratulations! Ginger Buda was ill for a week but came back looking healthier than ever. March 6 found us having a Farewell Party for Jane Boucher at the Heartwellville Lodge. She was presented with a gift of money. Jane is leaving us for the Women's Air Force, which she plans to join April 7. Lots of luck and happiness to you always, Jane. Our loss is the Air Forces' gain. We'll all miss you. That's all for this month. We have only one more thing to say in closing. "You better all be good or the Easter Bunny won't bring you any Easter eggs!"

### Shipping Department

by Cecile Trudeau

Alfred Bourdon and Stan Pasierbiak attended a basketball game in Springfield recently. Peg Jobin doesn't care how cold it gets now. She bought a new fur coat. June Rock and Cecile Trudeau went to Great Barrington recently to visit a former co-worker, June Kimball.

### Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti and Lee Grillone

We should have a wedding more often, Irene (Toniatti) Testa our new bride came in with a piece of wedding cake for all of us. My piece was eaten but Ceil Shanahan being a romantic creature took hers home to sleep on it, wonder who she dreamt about. To Amen Attalla, who celebrated a dual occasion on February 10th a birthday and his 13th wedding anniversary, we extend our best wishes for many more happy days. Our best wishes are also extended to Florence DeMarsico who celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary on February 28th. Josie Dean was tendered a farewell luncheon by the girls who have lunch with her every day. Josie and the girls were presented with valentine corsages made by their supervisor. She also received a gift from the entire department. Josie is anticipating and we wish her the best of luck. It is nice to have Silvio Volpi back after being on sick leave. Our thoughts and hopes for a speedy recovery are with Olive Pelletier today who has undergone surgery. She is greatly missed by her co-workers who hope it won't be long before she will be well again.



**Looking a little camera shy is one year old Catherine Hope Pratt, daughter of Alma, formerly of the Brown Street plant, and Bill, Test Equipment, Marshall Street.**

### Tantalum

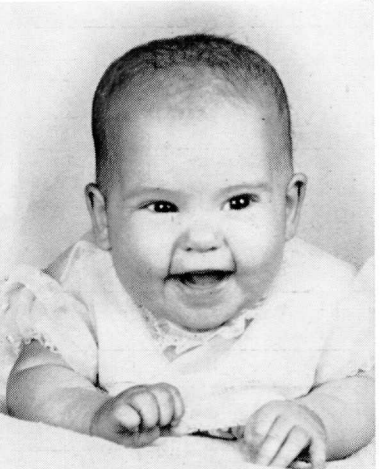
by Dolores Shaker

"It's snowing again!" seems to be the usual phrase. That we hear constantly these days. Though we know how the streets are beautiful at night. With their gleaming walks of diamonds - the trees so white. I know it's such a pretty picture all right. But why must it come on week ends. To me, this is no welcome sight.



**Could it be that Christine Ann LaFond is looking for the Easter Bunny? Christine is the 4 year old daughter of Irene, formerly of F. P. Assembly, and Maurice, Test Equipment, Marshall Street.**

Of course, the skiers would shoot me when I talk this way. But since I tried to learn that sport, I'd take tennis anyway. No broken bones or maybe the worse. At tennis, a few sore muscles, I'd just have to nurse. With talk about winter's air making our health as good as gold. All it gave me was a nice juicy cold. So to dream of those nice warm dry days.



**Giving the camera this big smile is 6 month old Crystal Ann Devey, granddaughter of Sophia and Harry Embry. Sophia is employed in the Metal Clad Finish Dept., Beaver Street, and Harry in the Centrifuge Dept., Marshall Street.**

To swim and bask under the sun's hot rays.

I'm just waiting for all this to come true and then

I won't have to hear those words "It's snowing again!"

Belle Mahar, did you ever keep that appointment with the dentist? It seems you would never get to go unless someone made an appointment for you. Well, Belle, the dentist was waiting. We were glad to hear that Phyllis Lapine's little girl is better, we hope that the toys purchased by our line cheered her! I know we got a thrill picking them out. The three musketeers haven't anything over Mary Girard, Adeline and Gladys Roy. They must be eating their wheaties lately to brave those stormy days and walk down street every noon! Mary especially, will not break down, as many is the time when they ask her to stay in, but, she still says no!

### Filter Development

by Julia Desrosiers

Jeannette Konopka spent a few days with us but is back on the sick list once again. We hope you will be back for good before our next LOG is printed. Our foreman Lou Vincelle was out for two weeks with a badly crushed hand. We hope it will be a fast recovery. Bill Armbruster has been limping lately. We hope your sore leg will be better soon. Ethel Murphy celebrated Christmas on March 2, when her son Neil was home from the Navy. We also wish Ethel a happy birthday, April 6. She sure has a nice new car (Ford) of course. We are all looking forward to spring once more. We wish everyone a Happy Easter.

### Filters

by Ruth Haskins and Alice Monette

Welcome back to three more of our co-workers: Grace Sherry, Claire Hallenback and Betsy McLain. Florence Saulnier visited in Schenectady, N. Y. the weekend of the big snow storm and was delayed for some time in getting home. Florence said the depth of the snow in Schenectady was unbelievable. Approaching North Adams, there was much less snow, she said. We have had enough though; many of us were snowed in the following Monday. Catherine Griggs has been caring for her husband who underwent an operation recently. Her wedding anniversary occurred while she was out and her co-workers surprised Catherine and her husband with flowers in honor of the occasion. George Paquin was honored on his birthday with a coke and many delicious goodies. Roger Brown visited the department recently while on leave for a few days, from his duties in the Army. Congratulations are in order for Bertha Roy who was presented an award for her suggestion about boxing recently. A note to the weather man—we aren't kidding now, we have had enough snow.

### Incoming Inspection

by Bill Fortini

Jack Brooks claims he is the only man on our bowling team that the fellows don't cheer. Jack, we cheer for you but they won't let me throw the balls for you. Surprise! Tom Martin cleaned the top drawer in his desk for the first time in 20 years. Shirley Ponti took her vacation early to spend a week with her children who were off from school. Cheer up Bill Bourdon, the weather will soon be nice and you will be able to stand on Main Street noon hours and watch the Fords go by. Congratulations Lynn, glad to hear that Clayt got his wish for a son.

### Check Inspection

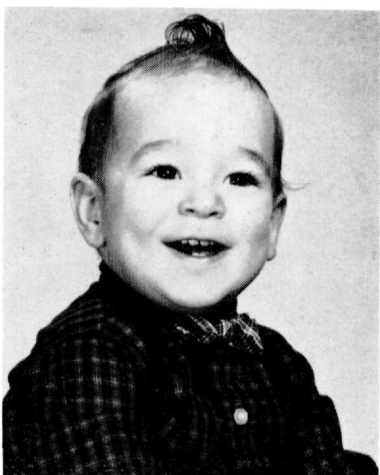
by Betty Jangrove

It is wonderful to be back, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every one who was so thoughtful of me after my recent accident. My sincere thanks to everyone. This year in my news column, I am going to introduce each of my co-workers: The people you work with are wonderful, you spend eight or nine hours with them daily, week after week and year after year. I'll start with my immediate family, first is Jim Lewis. Jim's first position with Sprague was in the Tantalum Department. Since he grew up with the department, he is best informed of each procedure and our best source of information. He answers most of the important questions and has an active interest, neatness



**Looking brighteyed for the camera is Frances Sprague. Ted, of Check Inspection is the proud Pop, and Linwood Morse Sr., a guard at Brown Street is her grandfather.**

and thoroughness in his work and is always willing to help. Frank Livesey is next. He is a young man with a brilliant mind and we consult him for our detailed information. A pleasing personality, Frank is always the same. He has a vast knowledge of the work since he has been a Sprague employe for many years. An all around sportsman he loves his beagles. Someday he hopes to own a deer park, fish hatchery and a haven for wild animals. Number three is Andy Konopka our Patrol Inspector. Of course Andy is well known for his orchestra. He has a friendly personality and is always ready to give some-



**This lady-killer is 14 month old Gary Michael Fletcher, son of Dolores, Shipping Room Office, Marshall Street.**

one a friendly argument about the work. (he is usually right). Andy is always doing more favors for more people than anyone I know. Of course his best girl is Cynthia Ann, his year old granddaughter, and her favorite song is "Buttons and Bows". Sorry to hear that Andy's wife is in the hospital, hope she improves rapidly and is well real soon. In the next issue I hope to write about the fairer sex, we have some real interesting personalities in that category.





Is this a candidate for one of the 10 best dressed women of the Year? If it is, little Theresa Farinon, is certainly in the running. Theresa who is 2 years old, is the godchild of Anna Baker, Sandia, Brown St.

## Advertising

by Janice Harriman

### OUTING HELD BY ADVERTISING POLAR CLUB

The Advertising Polar Club held its annual outing at Dutch Hill last weekend. The members met at the Beaver Street plant, loaded down with tents, sleeping bags, skis, snowshoes, toboggans, etc. The food for the outing was prepared by Cookie Chenail, the famous connoisseur of fine cuisine. Snowshoes Goodermote was in charge of breaking the trail over the rough mountain roads and we must compliment her on her expert guidance—we only lost our way five times. On our arrival at Dutch Hill the camping site was chosen by the one and only Gaddabout Cyr. Gaddabout directed the setting-up of the tents and assigned sleeping quarters to all. Alaska Zauls and Seal Ozolins were appointed fire tenders and proceeded to fell enormous trees for firewood. Old-timer McGovern, who had to be carried most of the way, was put in charge of the toboggan, and, I am sorry to say, sat on it for the rest of the weekend. Slalom Barbeau and Sleet Sadow made breakfast at 5:00 a.m., but since no one else was awake, proceeded to eat all the provisions. They were taken off that detail and put on clean-up. At 7:00 a.m. Slats Harriman led the group on a cross-country ski expedition. Cookie and Old Timer dropped behind at 7:30 and were not seen again. Slalom and Sleet gave up at 8:30 and Snowshoes and Gaddabout collapsed at 9:00. Slats called a rest at 9:05 and did not stop resting until 5:00 p.m. Alaska and Seal, the ruffian-ready gals, continued on and, I am sure, enjoyed their trip. The outing was not a complete success and it was decided to discontinue the Polar Club until summer, when the name will be changed to the Sun-worshippers Club.

## Centrifuge

by Donald Lapine

Hello once again. Things around here are still about the same, but we do want to extend a hearty welcome to Henry Ellsworth who has joined us after a hitch in the service. Bishop recently spent a vacation at home. It's a good thing spring is on its way instead of winter just starting, or yours truly and "Jack" would be using skis as a means of transportation by the looks of the last few storms. But we can always find room for a little more. Let's hope by the time we receive this LOG, Percy's sore ribs will be as good as new again. So long for now.

## General Accounting

by Janice Trozzi and Sidney Morin

Hi! Here we are again with some news of our office. A surprise party was held at "Chummy" Roberts house in honor of Eileen Niles who is getting married soon. Pat Bourdon baked the cake for the occasion and we might add did a very nice job of it.

After a spaghetti supper, which incidentally was cooked by "Bunny" Wegrzyn and "Chummy", group singing was enjoyed accompanied by "Chummy" on the piano with pipe hat and all!!! Flash! Elvis Presly has a new replacement, Barb "Hound Dog" Tash. A new fad is going around in the office, poodle cut, very cute girls. We all want to welcome Lillian Schwab to the office. Lil previously worked on the night shift. Sheila Lyon has left to await the arrival of the stork. A cake was presented to her along with a layette for the baby. She is especially missed in the billing section. Virginia Spencer has also left. She was presented a pocketbook and a purse of money by the office. You will be missed by all, Virginia. That's all for now, see you next month!

## Dry Rolling and Western Electric

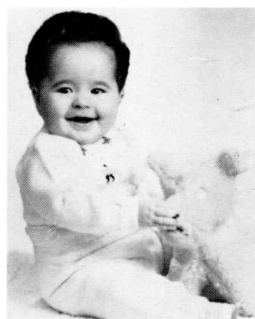
by Nancy Harvey

Greetings readers. Greetings also to the girls who have returned to our midst after layoff and transfer. Sure is good to see all of you. Greetings and best wishes to Mabel Levitt and Teresa Vitro who have recently been hospitalized and who are now convalescing at home. Hope you are both feeling tip-top and will soon rejoin us. Newsflash—Sports: Does



Acting the part of baby sitter is 11 year old Gordon, taking the part of baby is one year old Robin. They are the children of Ruth Edmonds of Dry Tubular Finish, Marshall Street, and grandchildren of Alphonse Brouillet of the same department.

anyone have a new or used pair of boxing gloves? Joe (Marciano) Degrenier is looking for a pair, so that he can start spring training in earnest. He is also in need of some sparring partners, so anyone interested may see him. Both male and female are invited. Flash—Health Problems: Last month's item about Ernie Clermont's losing weight brought some good results. Although we know that Ernie did not divulge his secret formula, we also know that Joe Allard and Dorsey King decided to try a formula of their own. They got up at 4:30 a.m. each morning for a week and ran around the block twice. Guess what happened? They both gained a pound. Tough going boys, but Charlie Pedrin has another idea. Why not give it a try? Flash—Child Care: Important notice for mothers when cleaning young boys cars. Do not use tooth picks or matches. Splinters from these wooden implements very often break off and lodge in mothers' fingers, thus causing some pain and discomfort. This also prevents them from doing such troublesome duties as dishes. Ask Clara Shakar about this. Flash—Beauty Notes: Long hair is coming into its own again. So say Marion Caron and Mary Esposito. After many years of wearing the boyish hair-do, they have decided to let their tresses grow. Come Spring—who knows? Methinks the style for them will go short again. Flash—The Question Corner: (1) Why do all the fellows who play cards at noon-



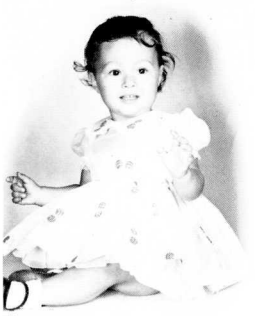
This charming little miss, is 8 month old Carla Jean Badorini. Carla is the daughter of Alice who is employed in the Magnetic Samples Dept., Beaver Street.

time, interrupt their game just to watch Dot Melillo eat a grinder? (2) How did Stan Oslizo learn the art of smoking, always holding the cigarette between his teeth? (3) What was the reason for Jeannette Bradley, Zita Pedrin, and Ruth Szule falling in the streets lately? Fortunately none of them was injured. But why—and almost all at same time? (4) Why does Eve Brown have such a difficult time getting her car out of the parking lot every night? Why not try a "No Parking" sign on your car. That may put an end to your S.O.S. calls. (5) Could it be that Mary Esposito needs bifocals? She never can find her thermos bottle, or is it eyestrain? (6) Why do Rose Mellin and Miles O'Grady both claim seniority to the time clock at noon time? Who will win final ownership? (7) Button! Button! Who's got the button. Vichy Wisniewski has, but why doesn't she sew it on? (8) Who is the "Singing Sam" of our department? Why, Dorsey King, of course. (9) Why does Vichy Wisniewski only have flat tires in front of service stations? Any answers to these questions will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Real Hot Flash—Just Came In: We hear that Eddie Suthers is strictly a professional on dieting, seeing as how he is experienced in the art of taking off and putting on weight. Why not get first-hand information from him. That's all for this time. See you next month. Meanwhile, here is a thought to remember: "Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man."

## Sprague International, Ltd.

Suzette T. Lemieux

The world of fashion may soon be focusing on some of the girls here who are pushing the chemise and/or smock look to the hilt. Gals, let's not lose that waistline now, just because no one can see it. There's a veritable epidemic of sneezing going on among



Is she real, or just a doll? Her Aunt, Dolores Shakar, Tantalum Dept., Marshall Street tells us she is real, and her name is Marilyn Jean Kata. Marilyn Jean is 20 months old, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kata of Jamaica, Long Island. Her uncle George Shakar is also a Sprague employee.

us, if that's an indication of anything. Gold dust, we hope. We're either all running on high currents, or our electrons are working overtime judging from the "shocks" many of us seem to be transmitting at the mere flick of a finger! Early in February Rose Richard was hostess at her home to some of our gals and their husbands. Great party, we hear! Our latest peregrinator to get lost in the Big City (Boston, this time), was Barbara Puthoff. It looks as if we'll have to initiate a traveler's consultation bureau or risk losing some of our fine people. The toll of our near-blizzard ranged from actual snow-bound conditions at the Soha's to muscular discomforts (better known as shoveler's cramp) at the Lemieux'. Illness of the winter variety also called on the Gardzina's, Haskin's, Sherman's and Richard's. Cheer up, Spring is coming—according to the calendar! George Ferran came back from Mexico City with the report that, while he was in that city, they had their first snowstorm in 23 years and, unfortunately, some of the natives died of exposure. Conclusion—there is no escaping that white stuff they call SNOW. It is a lot of fun to "shush" on, but Marilyn Soha doesn't particularly care for the skids it affords on the sidewalks. Unless, of course, she's actually practicing



"Anyone for a Tango"? Asking this question is 9 month old Cindy Ann Konopka, daughter of Richard, Filter Dept., Marshall Street, and Rose, formerly of Specification Engineering. Her grandparents are Andrew and Jeanette Konopka, both of the Marshall Street Plant.

curtsies under the guise of slipping. And speaking of sidewalk antics, the cause of yours truly's classic leap one noontime was a serpentine rubber hose (?) sprawled out in her path. Whew! 'Twas a bad scare! We close with the top tune in the Export Hit Parade: "Lollipop", which has a very faithful backing among our sweet-toothed crew.

## Maintenance

by Dorothy Buzzell

William Falcon and his wife have gone to Hollywood, Florida for two weeks vacation. Bill is supervisor of the Pipe Shop. Bucky Bernardi also enjoyed his two week vacation. Bucky works in the Pipe shop also. Peg Slater of the Maintenance Control department spent her vacation doing her Spring house cleaning, you sure got a head-start Peg. Your reporter spent a week visiting her daughter in Rutherford, N. J. recently. Congratulations to Francis Rondot of the Pipe Shop. He recently became a grandfather, his daughter, Bunny, presented him with a granddaughter.

## Dry Tubular Finish

by Marge Hauptfleisch

We are sorry to see so many laid off. We hope it won't be for too long. Congratulations to Bernard and Ceil Barbeau on the birth of a son, David Bernard. Both Bernard and Ceil work in this Department.



Wanda Wandrei is the proud mother of this fairhaired lassie, who incidentally is named Marilyn. Wanda is employed in the Metal Clad Finish Dept., Beaver Street.

## Formation

by Harry Trombley

Ed Ducharme believes in being comfortable in the cold weather by digging out an old cap of 1918 vintage. Henry Bechard went to Florida for a short vacation and the cold hurried him back. Bernie Davignon didn't approve of being a good samaritan when someone borrowed his new tire chains without asking. Glad to see our foreman back on the job after his illness. Art Hewitt, Ed Cook and Toni Tovani can sure do a good job of making the place spottless when company is expected. Connie Cronin always has a pleasant "Hello There". Haven't heard nor seen of Cecile Johnson since his layoff. Pop Beliveau doesn't think it is fair, not to mention him. We do see Leonard Bourrie once in a while. When it comes to the weather, Harry Arbour is our informant.

## Test Equipment

by Cynthia Rosenberg

We want to welcome Dick Maynard to the Test Equipment Department. Dick, who was a Staff Sgt. in the Air Force was last stationed in Texas, is now working with us as a Junior Electronic Technician. We hope you'll enjoy working with us. Dick, Mary and Mike Cantoni are spending two weeks with Jeanne and Jack Murphy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We understand they're having a wonderful time. It's good to see Bill Novacek back to work again. We're glad you are feeling better, Bill.

## Building 7 Offices

by Selma Sablin

Time again to learn about the people at Building 7, by playing:

"TO TELI, A LIE" Listed below are three gentlemen who claim to work in Building 7. However, one of them is deliberately "telling a lie". Our cross-examiners this month are: from Adams—"The Peoples Choice" Godek from Williamstown—"Volley Ball Ace" Smith from Lanesboro—"Farmer" Baker from Hancock—"Pianissimo" Patterson And now let's meet our team of challengers:

No. 1. My name is Edward Goodman, Born in Malden, Mass., Black Hair and Brown Eyes, Am Planning & Methods Department Head And a grand boss to work for—I've heard it said.

No. 2. My name is Mr. Quincy Magoo, Born in Hollywood, California, Have squinty eyes and puffy nose, Am a UPA Production character, And my voice can reach both highs and lows.

No. 3. My name is Fred Potter, Born in North Adams, Mass. Blonde hair and blue eyes,

Am Factory Manager  
And a sure favorite with all—I'll  
wager  
The panel has four correct votes—  
how did you vote?

Coil Winding Filter  
Development Center

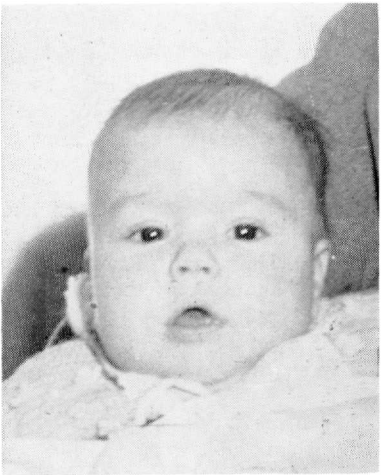
February, the shortest month, was  
long enough...Many thanks to all  
my friends who were so kind to me  
while I was in the hospital. The best  
part of going to the doctor is dis-  
covering that it will soon go away and  
that it wasn't serious anyway...John  
O'Connell broke up a very dull day  
when all of a sudden he came through  
with wearing a "Chemise Toque".  
A very good laugh was had by all...  
Virginia Delisle loves "Perry Como",  
Mike Morin loves "Abbe Lane",  
Bob Hamilton loves "Money", Alida  
Heath loves "Black Hair", Art  
Cardinal loves "His Garden", Stella  
Beauchamp loves "The Twins", Jean-  
nette Cady loves "To Eat", Betty  
Battersby loves "Walking State  
Road", and I love "Everything",  
including "Jimmie Durante".....  
Meet me at the clothesline; that's  
where I hang out.

Small Order

I think that most of us have plowed  
our way out of the last snow storm  
and are getting back to normal once  
more...I'd like to take this oppor-  
tunity to congratulate Ken Brown  
(our former editor) who is leaving us  
for a new position in California. I'm  
sure that million dollar smile and his  
sunny disposition will take him a long  
way. Loads of luck and years of added  
success to Ken...Glad to hear Dot  
Davis is home from the hospital. Hope  
she has a speedy recovery. We also  
hope Marion Rondeau is feeling fit  
again after her recent operation...  
Our friend Henry Levesque is back  
with us once more after a two week  
illness...Frances Sprague went to  
Boston to see the Ice Follies. They  
stopped at the "Chew & Chat" Inn  
on the way back. Sounds like a very  
quaint place to say the least...I can  
well imagine that Arlene Rabidou  
will be very glad when Spring comes  
marching in. She really had it rough  
driving this winter...Theresa Ped-  
ercini had a wonderful time at the  
Alerts Ball in Adams even though she  
did come in with sore feet...So long  
for now, I'll be around next month  
to give you the scoop in our depart-  
ment.

Western Electric and Misc.  
Drys (Test and Ship)

Our hats are off to the Sprague  
Electric employes who so readily re-  
sponded with such generous con-  
tributions to aid fire victims of the  
"Taylor Block"...Say, Larry La-  
bombard. What was the disguise for?  
Where you trying to be "incognito"?  
On you, those dark glasses looked



John Severance Chesbro, Jr., son  
of Lt. and Mrs. Chesbro, was born  
in Germany, October 16, 1957.  
Mom is the former Carolyn  
Woodard. John is the great grand-  
son of Myrtle Crofts, Shift Register,  
Beaver Street.

good...Most of us will not forget the  
snowstorm of February 16th weekend  
in a hurry. Quite a few in our room  
were virtually marooned for a couple  
of days owing to the high drifts and  
the quantity of snow that fell. At that  
we weren't so bad off as people in the  
different parts of New York State  
judging from the radio and TV re-  
ports. Well, anyway, we're looking  
forward to an early spring and pos-  
sibly a hot summer.(??)...At this  
time both of us would like to take this  
opportunity to wish the LOG staff and  
all in our department a "Happy  
Easter"...By the time these news  
items go to press, our bowling season  
(and a very successful one) will be  
over. I am sure that the majority  
of the girls voice our sentiment that  
they hate to see it end, but they're  
very eagerly awaiting the bowling  
banquet which will take place at  
Petey Dink's on Thursday evening  
April 17th. Emily W. and Ella G.  
belong to the IBM team...Our de-  
partment's list of honor: Gert Volpi,  
Larry Labombard, Harry Beverly,  
Louis Daub, Gus Jammallo, John  
Bradley and Oliva Richards. The  
people listed above answered the very  
desperate call for blood at the Mason-  
ic Temple recently.



At 19 years old, Yvonne Leonesio,  
Paper Rolling, Beaver Street, shows  
what the snow looked like when? ?



Shift Register

Hello again! By the time you read  
this, Easter will be nearly here, so I  
am wishing each and every one a  
"Happy Easter". I think we will all  
be glad when Easter comes this year,  
as we know it won't be long before  
it's warm...Lloyd King and family  
spent a week in Florida and the day  
after he got home we had the worst  
blizzard in years. Now we wonder  
if the storm followed him from Florida  
or if it chased him home. It is the  
mystery of the year, so far...It is  
rather quiet in our room with Jack  
Grady gone and Theresa Morin on  
vacation. Jack is in the south at an  
Army base for some special training.  
He will be back when it is nice and  
warm...Wanted! A good buyer for  
foods. See Ronnie Dean. Betty Klei-  
ner or Theresa Morin need not apply  
for the job...We send get well wishes  
to Miriam Buzzell's husband, who un-  
derwent a back operation. Miriam is  
a former co-worker...Get well Agnes  
Chesbro and hurry back, we miss you  
...Agnes Vanuni is now known as  
Queen Midas. Aggie works for Jim  
Nicol but is in our part of the room  
often.

Paper Rolling

News from the Paper Rolling by  
Che Che and Chuck. Our old reporter  
is on sick leave...After the recent  
snow storm, Evelyn Soule wants a  
jeep with a snow plow attached...  
Belated birthday greetings to Rena



"Well, what did you expect,  
Liberace?" The author of this  
statement is 7 month old Brian  
Kim Zabek, son of James, Foreman  
of Paper Rolling, Beaver Street.

Livsey. She received a birthday cake  
and many cards...Rena's friend,  
Owen Divine, has a new hair tonic for  
sale. She calls it "Stay Put Hair  
Tonic"...Things we never knew until  
now George and Andy are looking for  
"Addler" shoes. They want to meet  
Bill on even terms. Jane Kanelos  
takes her breakfast to work since  
getting married. She wants to buy  
her husband an airplane. Tina  
Vareschi needs a pair of shoulder pads  
to make room between Lena and  
Chuck at breakfast...The "Big Ques-  
tion": Why doesn't Yvonne Leonesio  
wear her sweater after dinner...  
Margaret Mazinski reads the New  
York "Times" to keep up with the  
latest stock quotations...Jane Peller-  
in spent her vacation touring Ala-  
bama and Florida...Mary Valozza's  
daughter was capped at Pittsfield  
General Hospital February 19...  
Clara Senecal's son has joined the  
Navy...Lucy Banas' son is one of the  
mainstays in the Adams High School  
Basketball team...Mary Troia has  
information on Christmas Clubs.

Metal Clad Finish

Spring can't be too far off...Vi  
Scott took a restful vacation at home  
and Eddie Goff is also planning his,  
not a restful one though!...Mike  
Stefanik's girls surprised him on  
Valentine's day with a delicious heart-  
shaped cake. They're trying to pro-  
mote the spirit of giving. His ears  
were more than just a little pink, but  
I think he's really convinced "You  
Gotta Have Heart"!...Richard Win-  
drow, son of Hazel, began his teach-  
ing career at Arms Academy in  
Shelburne Falls. He served in the  
Air Force for two years and com-  
pleted his studies at the local State  
Teachers' College. Our best wishes  
are extended to him in this worthy  
profession...It's nice to see Ethel  
Fosser smiling again, now that her  
husband is well on his way to re-  
covery. We just know you'll take  
that planned Florida trip one of these  
fine days...Lent is the time for fast-  
ing, and everyone seems to be taking



A/3c Harvey A. Davis, son of  
Connie Davis, Clarinol Rolling,  
Brown Street is stationed at Keesler  
Air Force Base, Mississippi. Marth  
Davis of Cover Assembly is his  
grandmother.

it very seriously here. Can't wait to  
see all those lovely figures by Easter.

Hi-Reliability

Jeannette Beebe has left us to return  
once more to the night shift. It was  
a short stay Jeannette, but we enjoyed  
working with you and wish it had  
been for a longer period...Trouble is  
still dodging our Nancy Dube's foot-  
steps. After all that happened last  
month you'd think it would stop  
there, but that's the trouble with  
trouble Nancy, it just doesn't know  
when to quit. Now Nancy's hus-  
band is in the hospital for observation  
and treatments for a sciatic condition.  
We hope he'll be home again soon  
Nancy and that you will both enjoy  
smooth sailing ahead for a long time  
...A fond farewell was said to  
Ivonette "Tottie" Choquette who has  
left us to await the coming of the stork.  
Best wishes to you "Toots" and you  
can be sure your cheery smile and  
"gurgling" laughter will be missed  
by many of us...Transportation was  
a big problem to many of us during  
the big snow storm, but not so to  
Valerie Piantoni. Valerie just hopped  
up on hubby Lino's back and rode



Mrs. Morrison Jones, R.N., the  
former Patricia Levesque, and a  
Sprague Scholarship winner, has  
been notified that she has passed  
the State board examination for  
registration in nursing. Pat is the  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence  
Levesque.

down to her mother's house in style.  
She suffered no ill effects from the  
trip but we never did hear how Lino  
made out—"Ouch" my aching back  
...Birthday greetings this month to  
Eva Jowett on the 4th of March and  
to Ted Pierce on the 7th of March.  
I think Ted just wouldn't cooperate in  
giving us the correct date. Too bad  
Ted, if I had known for sure I was  
going to bake you a cake—a chocolate  
one...Happy Anniversary greetings  
went to Shirley Brown and her hus-  
band Stanley who celebrated their  
6th on March 22nd...Many of the  
girls in our department have received  
letters from Lorraine Girard who left  
here in January to attend school in  
Worcester. We are happy to report  
she is doing very well and will soon be  
finishing the course. Keep up the  
good work Lorraine, we are all look-  
ing forward to seeing you when you  
come home.

Pulse Transformer

With Spring just around the corner,  
let's turn back and reminisce over the  
past, and see what the future holds  
forth. Maude Jones is still recuperat-  
ing from a broken ankle which she  
received during a fall and we hope  
she will be back with us soon...  
Stella Bastion is back with us follow-  
ing a recent operation...The blizzard  
really exhausted us all but sympathy  
was with Leo Lemoine whose car  
was snow bound for days. He sure  
felt like a man without a country...  
By the way girls what happened to our  
bowling team. Are you all still snow-

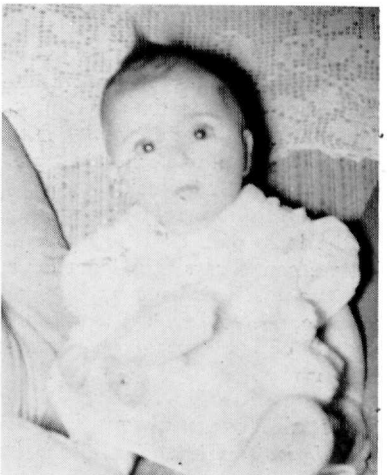
bound?...Rena Dixon recently took  
a trip to West Virginia. How was  
Grand Central Station?...Rose Le-  
Beau is one of the first to take her  
vacation. She enjoyed a trip to New  
York City and also being home with  
her family...Get well wishes are sent  
to Anna St. Cyr's father who is re-  
cuperating from an operation. Also to  
Angie Carlton—get well wishes. Hope  
your crystal ball shows bright, cheery  
days and a speedy return to work...  
Jean MacDonald and Barney Oldfield  
sure have a great deal in common. She  
hopes Barney didn't end up the same  
way she did...So long to Verna  
Goodwin and Lorraine Wilson who  
have left to await the stork...Claire  
Racine learned how to ice skate in  
two easy lessons and a sprained ankle.  
Don't let it get you down...Feb-  
ruary 28 was Agnes Vanuni's lucky  
day. How much profit can you  
reap?...That's all for now, see you  
next month.

Magnetic Samples

We are happy to say that Bob  
Marriott succeeded in getting a nickel  
raise in his allowance. You can really  
live now, Bob...Dottie DeGraff is  
sporting a new haircut these days.  
Was it on purpose Dottie?...Jane  
Martin has finally cured her hives.  
After three months of it we were  
wondering if she misses those bumps  
...Aggie Vanuni was feeling very  
lucky a couple of weeks ago. Just ask  
her about it, she'll be very happy to  
tell anyone the reason...Anytime  
you hear a big roar you can bet it is  
Janice Richards driving by...Cecil  
Biros gets so engrossed in her reading  
these days, anyone can sneak up be-  
hind her...Pat Duncan is asking an  
awful lot of questions. If anyone is  
interested in giving her free advise she  
would appreciate it. Deil Lilly and  
Shirley Noring agreed to disagree the  
other day, but they never stopped  
talking to each other. Never a dull  
moment in the Sample line!

Plating

Ed Sprague is moving from the  
top of the hill to the bottom. He could  
almost roll the furniture to his new  
abode. Now he's right across the  
street from Loren Estes...Howie  
Isherwood is the Filter King in our  
department...John Murach is either  
gaining a brother-in-law, or losing a  
sister. Which is it John?...Harry  
Paesler is always bragging about his  
Plymouth, but he couldn't make it work  
the day after the big snowstorm...This  
is the year that the Yankees don't  
make it. For verification see Loren  
Estes. Harry Paesler goes way out  
on a limb and predicts the Cards to  
win in the National League. Ness  
Roberts says it will be the Red Sox  
in the American League. I hope he is  
right...Now that Ed Sprague is  
letting his hair grow he should act  
more dignified. Get back in shape,  
Red!



"Are you sure the snow won't  
stop the Easter Bunny?" Mary  
Jane Piantoni, 6½ month old  
daughter of Loretta and William,  
Maintenance Dept., Beaver Street,  
seems to have her doubts.



### Check Inspection

by Louise Bass  
Jo Magnifico spent a week end in her old home town of Brooklyn, N. Y. recently to attend the wedding of a relative. She had a wonderful time, but we're all glad it wasn't the week-end of the big snow storm. However, the place isn't the same without the Dodgers, eh, Jo?... Ethel Sakowski is

ter Mary Frances recently celebrated her 12th birthday with a party attended by many friends. She received many nice gifts. We all think Rose has a lot to be proud of... We want to welcome back Louis Lillie and Chuck Connors who recently were laid off for one week and one day. We hope you enjoyed your little vacation.



Twins? No, just sisters. Kathleen Anne, left, is 3½ and Jeanmarie, right, is 2 years old. Baby Michael Christopher was only three weeks old, when this picture was taken. They are the children of Don Raina, Pulse Transformer, Beaver Street.

the lucky one. She flew to Puerto Rico to spend her vacation with her husband, and after spending a week there, returned to New York with him on his ship... We hope Helen Bryce is as good as new after a recent operation on her toe... Ralph Blood could probably give us all a lot of tips on skiing as he spends all his week-ends at Dutch Hill and with all that snow we had it looks like an extra long season this year... With the fishing season due to open soon, most of the Check Inspectors will be very happy.



### Industrial Oil "C"

by Dot Shea and Bernie Tatro  
Well, here we are back again. It hardly seems a whole month has passed, but as the old saying goes "Time waits for no one" or "no man"!... Things in Department 679 have changed somewhat; we are all one group now, and if I may quote, "One big happy family"... Joe Menard's wife has taken a trip to Texas leaving Joe a "bachelor". How does it feel to be "single" again, Joe?... Mary Santelli celebrated her birthday this year. Congratulations, Mary, we all hope there are many more happy



(Left) Robert Cook is pictured with the plaque he won. (Right) Sandy and Robert Cook, children of Roy Cook, F. P. Assembly, Marshall Street, show off their guernsey heifers at the fair.

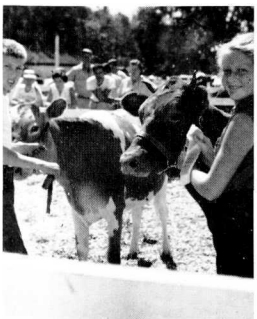
ones; and by the way, how old did you say you were?... Eileen Leeming is the proud new owner of a 1958 Oldsmobile. Just one word of warning—Be careful... We also hear from the grapevine that Tubby Bianchi is riding pretty high. He's expecting his new Plymouth to arrive sometime this month... Rose Vareschi's daughter

### Industrial Oils Standing

by Ann Heath and Martha Clark  
Leona Lamoureux is going to visit her daughter June Murphy in Fort Lauderdale for her two weeks. She and her husband are flying from Bradley Field on March 8th. Hope they have a wonderful trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Harry Knapp has moved into the new house that he built... We see so many new faces in here that we are wondering if we're in the right place. Welcome to everyone.

### Sandia Coolers

by Evelyn Jones  
Hi everyone, Hope you all have your Easter outfits ready... Lucille Miller and Dot Baker have new hairdos... The department has been renamed "Cripple Creek". Millie Conroy, Sarah Brown and Ev Jones all spent sometime in the hospital. Florence DeMarco is also out sick. Hope spring will bring good health to all of them... Bea Marsh has a wonderful recipe for getting spring cleaning done early. She started hers in November... A salute to our famous Mrs. Ralph Gould. Mrs. Gould's picture appeared in the "Transcript" recently... Has everyone dug out of this winter snow? Dot Baker was marooned on the white drifts of Florida for a few days... Welcome back to Cecil Krzanek... Our Flo Dupre joined the group of V.I.P.'s who had birthdays in February... Eleanor Alibozek



amazed us all by taking swimming lessons at the YMCA. She says maybe next year she'll learn to ski. These modern grandmothers are really terrific... Hello, Fran Patoniak. We've been trying to get down to see you, but this winter has been too rough for us... Millie Conroy enjoyed a week of her vacation at home resting

... Rose Murray surprised us with a nice box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. Vi McClelland is having quite a time getting used to an empty house now that Norman is working out of town. Hope things will be back to normal before too long. Vi... So long for now. Happy Easter egg rolling, kiddies.

### K. V. A.

by Ace Samia  
We all want to welcome Victor Vareski, Henry Pepin and Charlie Zocchi into our department. We wish them lots of luck on their new jobs... Our Sincere wishes go to Ken Brown on his new appointment in California. Lots of Luck. Ditto for Al Trotter as head of Publications... When this goes to press, yours truly will be attending a Truck Drivers Banquet with all other Sprague drivers at Heartwellville Lodge... We are all glad to hear Marie Dargie's son is better now. Yours until the next issue!

### Net Works and L.C.C. Line

by Irene Pigeon  
Hi everyone, Looks like spring will never come with all this snow we have... We are all glad to see Roz Vincetele back working with us. Also we were all sorry to hear about Roz's husband's accident. Hope he is coming along fine. Roz... We also are glad to see Dolores Davis back working after being out sick... Well Clara Lescarbeau is a grandma once again. Clara's daughter Ceil gave birth to a son February 20th. Ceil formally worked on Marshall St... Birthdays are in season in L. C. C. Line. Clem Mossolani celebrated his birthday February 17. Ag Houghton also had a birthday February 12th and was presented a birthday cake made by yours truly's mother... We all are sorry to hear about Rose Mazza, who is out sick with pneumonia... We would like to welcome Stella Maledico and Marceline Poirot who came to work in the Networks. Hope you girls enjoy working with us... Yours truly was also out sick with the bug, recently.

### Industrial Oils

by Erminia Sweeney  
Eleanor King and her husband and daughter vacationed in Florida... Fran Delisle saw a robin the other day carrying nesting material, so he says. We also would like to know where he buys his clam chowder, it sure makes him peppy in the afternoons... Liz Slattery was out a few days with a cold in her back... Walt Gliwski fancies himself a baritone. When Caruso sang, he shook the roof, but when Walt sings, it's goodby roof... The most amusing sight the other day was when Kenny Russell was trying to inveigle Fran Delisle from a little night life, to do a little papering for him... Our most steady Blood donor is Helen Unis... Congratulations to Bob Andrews on his new little baby daughter... Maude Convery, Rena Maroni, and Jeannette Trela are at present working in Clorinol... Well I guess that most of us will be glad to see this old winter snow disappear.

### Sandia Department

by Bob Boucher  
Hello again. With all this snow we have, there is all kinds of news... Charlie Cyr had a long face the other night. He went to start his car. It said "No". Too bad, Chuck. See Joe Rosse. He'll fix you up... Pat DeMarco keeps looking outside. Florida is far away. Pat... Gus Boucher bought chains for his Rambler. Too bad the car wouldn't start... Joe Rotolo was kind of mad when they called off the union meeting. No beer for a month. That hurt me too... Well, Al Golonka bought a new car. Too bad the battery wasn't new also. See Joe... Pete Grande has been looking outside. Don't worry, Pete. Your beagles will be running soon.

Those rabbits are getting fat and lazy like me... That's it for now. Bye.

### Clorinol

by Dot LaDue  
Hi Gang! Here it is almost Spring and Easter! Everyone is getting ready for Easter just about now. New clothes, hats, shoes, and bags. But most of us won't be in style. It seems as though the famous "bag" dresses and chemise dresses just won't do for the girls around here. We like being just plain old-fashioned... Connie Davis has been quite happy lately as her son Harvey was home for a couple of weeks from the Air Force. He really is handsome, Connie... Emma Falcon and Leona Lamoureux seem to be the lucky ones lately. They are both enjoying that Florida sunshine. The rest of us really envy them... We have more new girls this month. It's nice having you... Fran Guyette is back with us again. We all missed you, Fran... Bob Andrews became the father of a beautiful girl February 18. Congratulations, Bob and Jackie... Joan Brown has become an ardent fan for basketball games. Maybe because her husband Jim never misses one... We also have two new fellows working with us. A big welcome to Joe Mantello and Bob Martelle... We are glad that the end of snow is near. Our friend Ralph Burdick seems to get stuck in a snow drift very easily... See you all next month.



Making up this family picture, is Timothy Alan, 15 months old, Dorothy Paula, 4½ years, and Darryl Paul, 3 years old. They are the children of David Beighley, Test Equipment, Marshall Street.

### Happy Birthday...

- Mar. 1 Steven Brown
- 2 Bernadette Richmond
- 4 Howard Sherman
- 4 Eva Jowett
- 6 Len Lavendol
- 7 Theodore Pierce
- 7 Evelyn Soule
- 8 Elythe Teichert
- 16 Alida Heath
- 19 Raymond Collier
- 20 Wanda Wandrei
- 21 Josephine Magin
- 22 Maurice LaFond
- 22 Jeannette Cady
- 22 Beverly Sherman
- 23 Ronald Morse
- 27 Alma Fox
- 28 Eileen Brown
- 28 Tom Dion
- 28 Arthur Heyes
- 29 Nancy Collier
- 31 Marguerite La Casse

### Baby Talk---

- Feb. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeMarisco, Son
- Feb. 10, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brayman, Son
- Feb. 11, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barbeau, Son
- Feb. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, Daughter
- Feb. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bryant, Son

### Anniversaries . . .

- Feb. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Amen Attalla, 13th
- Feb. 21, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griggs, 22nd
- Feb. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Marchio, 1st.
- Feb. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMarsico, 20th
- Feb. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Nicola Sanzi, 10th
- March 22, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, 6th

### "I Do" Notes

February 1, Ann Littleton Welch and Duncan A. Campbell  
February 1, Dorothy LaPierre Smith and Fred Dabrowski

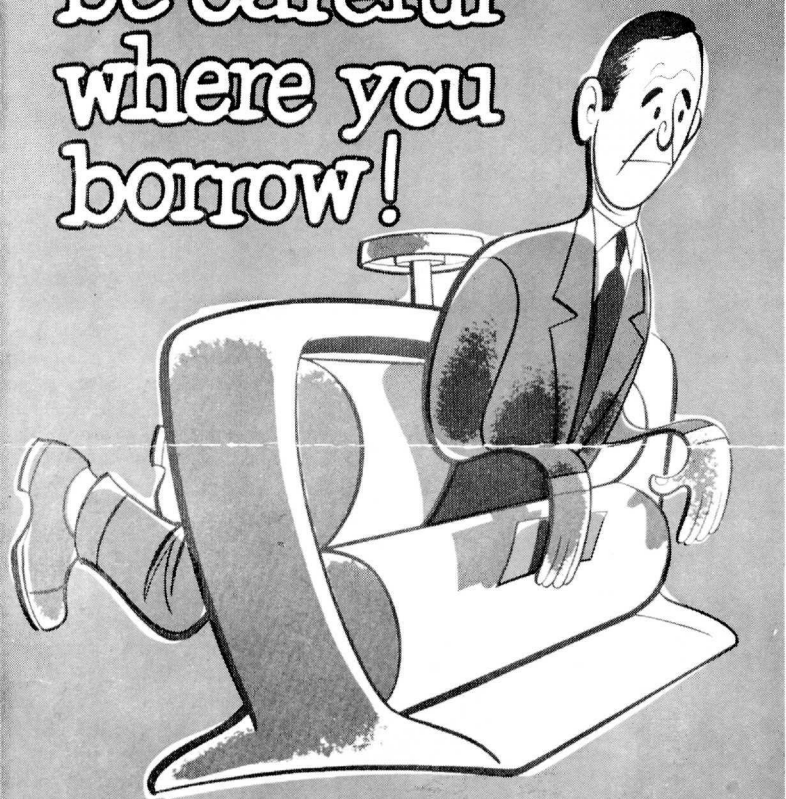
### Answers to Sports Quiz

- 8. Tom Sailer, Austria
- 7. Sam Hanks
- 6. University of Michigan
- 5. Willie Mosconi
- 4. Bold Ruler
- 3. Warren Spahn
- 2. Wasyly Smylaw, USSR
- 1. Jimmy Fox, Joe DiMaggio and

### Going My Way

Jane Buchanan and Ray C. Jones  
Jacqueline M. Mahar and Victor B. Gay  
Beverly Mondia and Kenneth Rougeau

be careful  
where you  
borrow!



YOUR CREDIT UNION  
is best!

SPORTS . . .

Local News

by LOU ZITER

The basketball season is rapidly coming to a close with the selection of various all-star teams. Leading the list is the college all-American team selected by the Associated Press which included Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas, Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati, Elgin Baylor of Seattle, Guy Rodgers of Temple, and Hannon of Pittsburg. Wilt Chamberlain was the top vote getter and was named to the squad for the second successive year.

Basketball in the local area has had a rather dim picture, but some highlights have occurred to offset the dismal season. On the college scene we note that Jeff Morton of Williams has scored a grand total of four hundred and forty (440) points in twenty games to give himself a sparkling average of 22.0 points per game. This was second only to Kross of A. I. C. in Western Mass, who averaged 27.1 points in twenty three games played. Williams overall record was nine wins and eleven losses, which was not great, but they did tie Amherst for the "Little Three Title", and that alone helps off-set the poor campaign.


The high school spotlight turns to Pittsfield as they have for the second straight year copped the NBL and Berkshire County Title. Leading scorer in the Northern Berkshire League was Dave Callahan who performed for a losing Dalton combine. The city title was won back by Drury in its playoff game with St. Joseph's recently.

Both Adams and Pittsfield received and accepted invitations to the Western Massachusetts tournament.

Adams, having one of its poorest nights, lost to Assumption of Worcester in the first round. Pittsfield, who lived up to their expectations went all the way to the finals only to be nosed out by St. John's of Worcester in the final minutes of the game, by the score of 57 to 53. Although Pittsfield lost the final game one can say they represented Berkshire County in a fashionable way and hearty congratulations and condolences should be extended to both the team and their able coach Ed Hickey.

At this time your reporter would like to select an NBL all-star team for the past season. Leading the selection I would give the nod to Mike Mole of Pittsfield, who has been known as the "Little General" on the court. The other backcourt position would go to a calm and consistent fellow named Morty Kelly of St. Joseph (P). The center slot could go to no other than Fred Cox of Pittsfield who has proved to be a great asset to this team. The up front berths would go to Chet Mencywor of Adams and Joseph Girardi of Drury. These two boys not only were great rebounders for their respective teams but also had a scoring punch that went a long ways in their team's victories. The coach selected for this honor squad is Ed Hickey of Pittsfield who has piloted his squad to a most successful season.

The Sprague Electric basketball team is completing their first season as an organized club with entry in the Berkshire County tournament to be held at the local armory this month. Good Luck to Coach McDonough and his team in this forthcoming event.



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Sports Quiz . . .

by Lou Ziter

Test your sports knowledge and grade yourself as follows: 0-2 poor, 3-6 average, 7-8 superior, and 9-10 very superior. Grade yourself three points for question number one, all others are one point each.

1. What three American League baseball players have won the MVP award three times?

2. Who is the world chess champion?

3. Who won the 1957 Cy Young Memorial Award?

4. The "Horse of the year" honor went to what horse in 1957?

5. Who is the world's Pocket Billiards Champion?

6. At what college is the largest stadium, that permanently seats 100,000?

7. Who was the 1957 500 mile Indianapolis Speedway Winner?

8. Who was the winner of the 1957 North American downhill ski race?

Answers: Page 9 Column 4

Question of the Month

The following question was asked to some of our sports-minded employees

and here are some of the answers received.

Question:

What's your opinion of the shift of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants of the National League to the west coast?

Bob McDonough of R & E: *A good break for the west coast fans and predicts in the near future that the Texas league will be formed into another league.*

Tony Tassone of Production Engineering: *It's a good move for baseball for he believes that only one major league team should be located in any city. Predicts the league to have ten teams and that Texas will soon be represented.*

Harry Kalker of Sprague Products: *Everything will be fine if they produce a willing ball club like the Braves did, but believes that Brooklyn will miss the razzle dazzle cheering from the Brooklyn fans.*

Henry Puppolo of R & E: *It's good for baseball as it will now be spread across the country but bad for Brooklyn. Predicts the distance of travel will hamper the schedule and will cause many postponements.*

Francis Wilson of Employee and Community Relations: *Baseball will benefit from it in the long run because of the increase in population on the west coast which should bring in bigger gate receipts to keep baseball going.*

Yours truly predicts that the Giants will benefit from it but the Dodgers will definitely miss the die-hard fans they had in Brooklyn and that the club will be for sale within the next five years.

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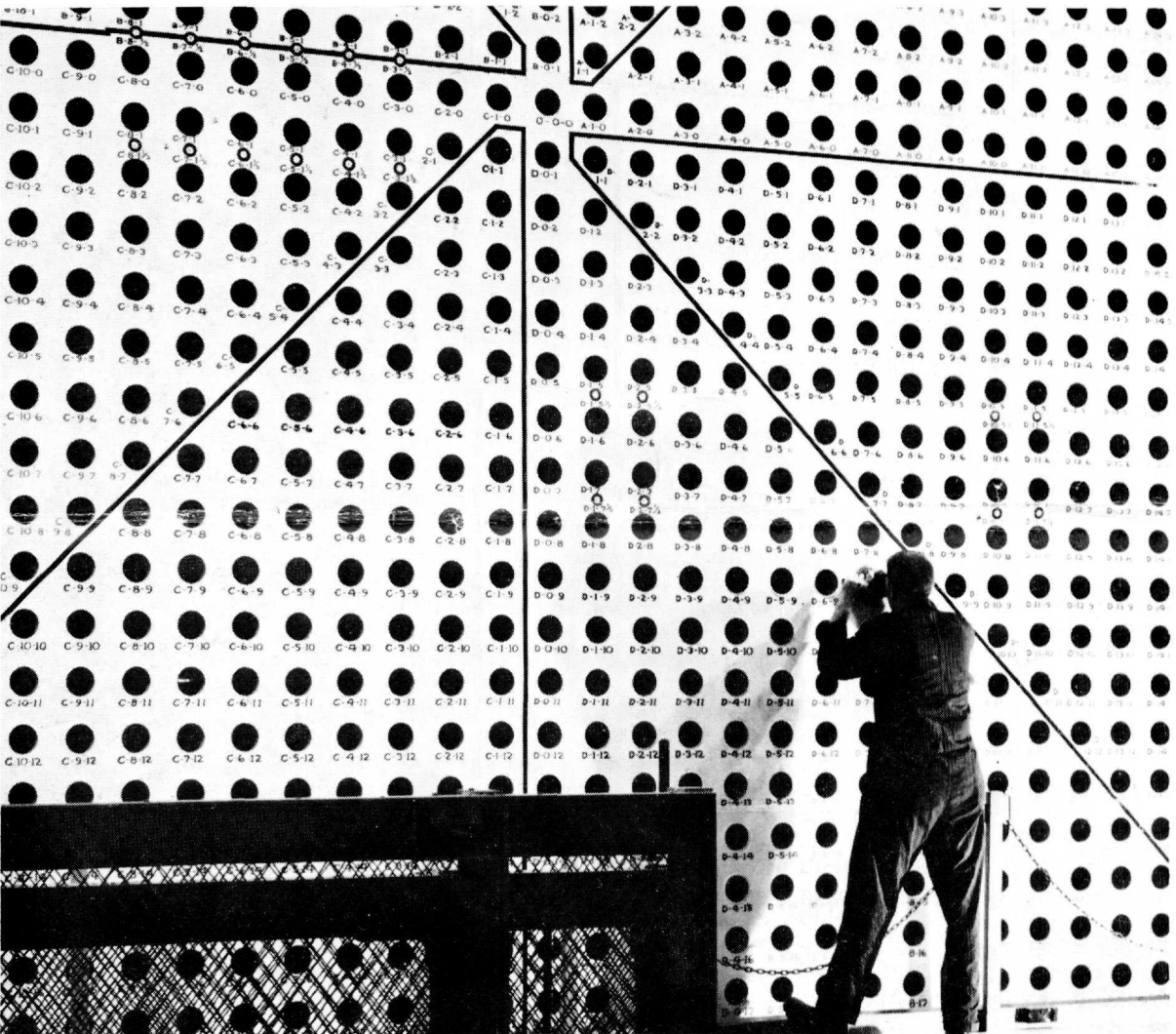
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Do you do the Sports Quiz?

Yes.....No.....

Comments.....



M x E = P

It's just a simple multiplication problem. But the story behind Man x Energy = Progress includes all things known to man: how we once lived . . . how we now live. . . and how we will live. This is the story of civilization.

Perhaps nothing so vividly portrays man's latest conquest in his search for new and more powerful forms of energy than this atomic reactor. One pound of uranium could supply about 12 million kilowatt hours of electric energy.

In the beginning, muscle was man's principal source of energy. Wars were waged for sources of energy . . . human beings. The wheel and inclined plane were next steps. But still, it took 100,000 slaves about 20 years to finish an Egyptian pyramid.

And now, many people are prophesying that the Industrial Revolution is entering into a new phase called "automation". Throughout industry today, thousands of "system engineers" are at work on automation problems.

What could automation mean to you and to your job? Experience, and history, show that employment tends to rise as machine power increases. Automation can create jobs.

Take the telephone companies. When they switched from manual to dial systems, 50,000 operators were displaced. But net employment of the telephone companies has been increasing every year. In fact, they have difficulty in getting the additional work forces they need each year to maintain their huge facilities.

Mechanical progress of industry upgrades workers, both in skills and rates of pay. A new machine may temporarily displace a man, but a technician who commands a higher rate of pay must be hired to keep the new machine operating.

M x E = P moves all of us in the direction of higher skills, higher pay and higher standards of living for our families.